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**DEPARTMENT  
POLICY****All Programs**

**Concurrent receipt of benefits** means assistance received from **multiple** programs to cover a person's needs for the same time period. Certain restrictions apply, as specified in this item.

**Benefit duplication** means assistance received from the **same** (or same **type** of) program to cover a person's needs for the same month. For example, FIP from Michigan and similar benefits from another state's cash assistance program. Benefit duplication is prohibited **except** for Medicaid and FAP in limited circumstances (see **Medicaid Benefits** and **FAP Benefits** in this item). See BEM 203, Criminal Justice Disqualifications, for penalties for individuals found to have received duplicate assistance.

Bridges is programmed to apply the requirements in this item.

**Cash Assistance  
Benefits****Family Independence Program (FIP), Refugee Assistance Program Cash (RCA) and State Disability Assistance (SDA) Only**

A recipient of cash assistance from another state is **not** eligible for FIP, RCA or SDA in Michigan for the **same** month.

A recipient of FIP in Michigan is not eligible for SDA or RCA for the same month.

A recipient of SDA in Michigan is not eligible for FIP or RCA for the same month.

A recipient of RCA in Michigan is not eligible for FIP or SDA for the same month.

To prevent benefit duplication, send an DHS-3782, Out-of-State Inquiry, to another state's agency when either of the following:

- The individual arrived from that state within 30 days before FIP/SDA/RCA application.
- Any evidence suggests receipt of assistance from that state for the current month.
- The individual presents current out-of-state identification.

If the applicant arrived here from a state other than his home state, you might have to contact both states.

Pending the other state's response, authorize FIP/SDA/RCA for an otherwise eligible individual **if** no evidence suggests benefit duplication. If such evidence does exist, wait for the response before certifying eligibility in Bridges.

When the other state's response indicates benefit duplication, benefits should only continue in the state where the client resides. Enter out-of-state benefits in Bridges, run EDBC and an Over Payment (OP) referral will be generated if you approved benefits pending the other state's response.

### Refugee Matching Grant

#### FIP, RCA and SDA Only

A person **cannot** receive both Refugee Matching Grant and FIP, RCA or SDA for the **same** month.

### SSI Benefits

#### FIP and RCA Only

A person **cannot** receive both SSI and FIP or RCA for the **same** month.

### Children's Foster Care Benefits

#### FIP and RCA Only

A recipient of title IV-E TANF (foster care) benefits from Michigan or another state is not eligible for FIP or RCA in Michigan for the **same** month.

### Medicaid Benefits

#### Medicaid

Assume an Medicaid applicant is **not** receiving medical benefits from another state unless evidence suggests otherwise. Do **not** delay the Medicaid determination. Upon approval, notify the other state's agency of the effective date of the client's medical coverage in Michigan.

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**FAP Benefits****FAP Only**

A person **cannot** be a member of more than one FAP Certified Group (CG) in any month.

A person **cannot** receive FAP in more than one state for any month.

**Exception:** A resident of a shelter for battered women and children may temporarily be a member of two FAP groups; see BEM 617.

**Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP)**

NAP benefits from Puerto Rico, American Samoa and the Northern Marianna Islands are not counted when determining eligibility and benefits.

**Food Distribution  
Program Benefits****FAP Only**

A person **cannot** receive both FAP and Indian Tribal Food Distribution benefits for the same month. To prevent benefit duplication, check the lists of food distribution participants provided by the tribes. If duplication has occurred, the recoupment policy in BAM 700, 705 and 720 applies.

**VERIFICATION  
REQUIREMENTS****FIP, RCA, SDA and FAP**

Make an out-of-state inquiry when an applicant arrived from another state within 30 days before application and/or presents current identification from another state. Use a DHS-3782, Out-of-State Inquiry.

**FIP, SDA and RCA Only**

Verify the receipt and/or termination of SSI benefits and Refugee Matching Grant from another state.

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**VERIFICATION  
SOURCES****Out-of-State  
Benefits****FIP, RCA, SDA and FAP**

Out-of-state benefit receipt or termination may be verified by one of the following:

- DHS-3782, Out-of-State Inquiry.
- Letter or document from other state.
- Collateral contact with the state.

**Receipt or  
Termination of SSI****FIP, SDA and RCA Only**

Receipt or termination of SSI can be verified by one of the following:

- Current SSI check.
- SSI award letter.
- SSA-1610-U2, Public Assistance Agency Information Request; see BAM 800.
- SOLQ (State Online Query) response; see BAM 800.
- Recent SSA correspondence which clearly indicates the client's SSI status.

**Receipt or  
Termination of  
Refugee Matching  
Grant****FIP, SDA and RCA Only**

Verify receipt or termination of Refugee Matching Grant by contact with the refugee resettlement agency administering the grant.

**LEGAL BASE****FIP**

R 400.3122

MCL 400.57a(12)(a) &amp; (b)

**SDA**

R 400.3174

**FAP**

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